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A/ This may be ~~Kindly~~ sent to the Dewan's Office for necessary action.

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From the Rev. Comr, Mo. C. (4)

9/12/23

Forwards the Special Weekly Season Report of the State for the week ending Saturday the 9th Dec. 1923

Subd. for perusal.

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1) There have been Slight showers in all districts, Sec. Anglaon. & Mysore, but of much use

2) The outturn of crops that can be is however is given in pages 2 & 3. Ragi has failed almost all over.

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4) It is reported that there is no distress in Mysore Hassan & Shimoga districts

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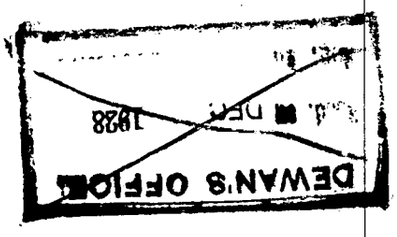

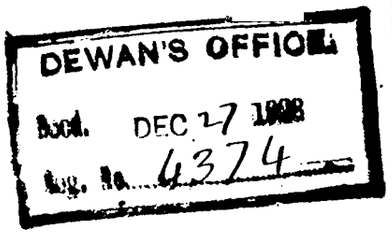

From

The Revenue in reply
No. C/87 dated 4th Dec 23
forwarding a report on the
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the Bombay Carnatic
districts during the
week ending 15th Dec 1923.

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Draft Submission Note.

I submit herewith for the gracious perusal of His Highness the special weekly season report of the State for the week ending 8th December 1923.

2. There has been small showers in all the ~~the~~ Districts except Kolar and Mysore, but nowhere has it been sufficient to alleviate the situation.

3. Harvesting is said to be in progress The yield of ragi in the Bangalore District is estimated at 4 to 8 annas while paddy is said to be a failure in the greater part of the District. Sugarcane is in good condition. The dry crops in parts of the Tumkur District are reported to have withered and the yield in some parts is estimated at 1 to 8 annas. The outturn of ragi in the affected parts of the Kolar District is estimated at 1 to 4 annas, while that in the Mysore District from 3 to 8 annas. In Hassan, the outturn of dry crops in some parts is poor, while in the Shimoga District ragi crop is a failure in almost all the parts, but paddy and sugarcane are in good condition in the Shimoga District. The outturn of crops is estimated at 2 to 8 annas in the Kadur District and 4 to 12 annas in the Chitaldrug District except in portions of the latter District where the crops are withering for want of rain.

4 No anxiety is reported to be felt in Mysore, Hassan and Shimoga Districts.

12-12-23

Submitted to His Highness.

I submit herewith for the gracious perusal of His Highness, the special weekly season report of the State for the week ending 22nd December 1923.

There was no rain-fall in any part of the State during the w except a few showers in T.Narasipur.

Sowing of jola and kadle is going on in parts of the Tumkur District and the standing sugarcane, paddy and ragi crops are estimated to yield from 2 to 8 annas each in some parts of the District. Harvesting of ragi is reported to be in progress in all the taluks of the Kolar and Bangalore Districts, the estimated yield being 2 to 4 annas in the former district and 1 to 6 annas in Hosakote Taluk and 2 to 8 annas in Anekal Taluk in the latter. Harvesting of paddy is in progress in almost all the taluks of the Mysore District, the estimated yield being 4 to 12 annas.

Relief works which are in progress in all the affected taluks are said to be adequate at present. But a few more are required to be started especially in the Tumkur District for which the Revenue Commissioner says he has taken necessary action.

Prices of food-stuffs. Markets are well supplied with food-stuffs and supplies are also adequate in all the districts except in the Maddagiri Taluk. Broken rice is being imported by private agency and sold at 6 seers per rupee.

Fodder and cattle. - Fodder depots have been opened in Tumkur and Kolar Districts. Cattle have been taken from Gubbi, Tiptur, Channaroyapatna, Arsikere and other maidan taluks to the State forest in the Malnad. Scarcity for fodder is felt in parts of T. Narasipur and Mandya taluks and all the State Forests in the Mysore District have been thrown open for free grazing.

Drinking Water.- Difficulty for drinking water for men and

cattle is felt in all the affected areas and temporary wells are being sunk in all places.

General. There seems to be no cause for anxiety in the Malnad Districts of Kadur, Hassan and Shimoga. The Revenue Commissioner reports that the present unfavourable seasonal conditions are not likely to cease for another five or six months and that there are no signs of the existing distress abating in any part of the affected tracts. I have separately submitted to His Highness a copy of the Government Order dated 26th December 1923 issuing further instructions to the officers concerned as regards the measures necessary to be taken to alleviate the distress in the affected tracts. The working of the Government Order in question will be closely watched and the further developments will be reported to His Highness in due course.

Bangalore,
2nd January 1924.

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Special season report of the State for the week ending 22nd December 1923.

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OFFICE OF THE REVENUE COMMISSIONER
IN MYSORE.

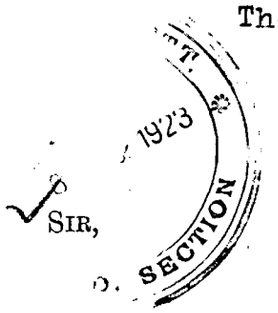
5 SPM 16/12/23 No. C.147/23-24 Bangalore, 24th December 1923.

FROM

K. Chandy, Esquire, B.A.,
Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.

To

The Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Revenue Department, Bangalore.



SIR,

I have the honour to forward herewith a report on the present Seasonal Conditions in the State for the week ending Saturday the 22nd December 1923.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
K. Chandy
Revenue Commissioner.

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Special Weekly Season Report for the State for the week ending Saturday the 22nd December 1923.

AFFECTED AREA.- The parts newly affected during the week were 110 villages in Turuvekere Sub Taluk, 4 hoblis out of 5 in the Pavagada Taluk, the Maralwadi hobli in the Kankanhalli Taluk, 17 villages in the Mulbagal Taluk, ~~and~~ 64 villages in the Srinivasapur Taluk and 36 villages in the Bowringpet Taluk. It is reported that there is no cause for anxiety in the malnad Districts of Kadur, Hassan and Shimoga as there are no signs of distress anywhere in those Districts.

2. NUMBER OF VILLAGES INSPECTED.- The number of Villages inspected by the Amildars of various Taluks in the Tumkur District during the week was 177 while the number inspected by the Sheikdars in the same District was 508. Similar numbers for the Kolar District were 161 and 362 respectively. The Deputy Commissioner of Bangalore inspected portions of the Devanahalli, Dodballapur and Nelamangala Taluks, while the Amildars of Hoskote and Anekal inspected respectively 8 and 25 villages and the Sheikdars in the same Taluks inspected in all 113 villages.

3. RAINFALL AND STATE OF AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS.- There was no rainfall in any part of the State during the week, except a little drizzling in T. Narasipur for about a day. It is reported that jola and kadle are being sown in parts of Turuvekere and Koratigere Sub Taluks in the Tumkur District and the standing sugarcane, paddy and ragi crops are estimated to yield from 2 to 8 annas each in some parts of the District. Harvesting of ragi is reported to be in progress in all the Taluks of the Kolar District and the yield is estimated to be from 2 to 4 annas generally and 4 to 8 annas in parts of Goribidnur Taluk Ragi is being harvested in the Bangalore District also and the estimated yield is reported to be 1 to 6 annas in Hosakote

Taluk

Taluk and 2 to 8 annas in Anekal Taluk. Harvesting of paddy is in progress in almost all the Taluks in the Mysore District and the estimated yield is reported to range from 4 to 12 annas.

4. RELIEF WORKS.- In the Tumkur District, 12 village Improvement works, 104 well works, 38 maintenance works and one restoration work are reported to be under progress. Some more works are said to be required to be started to meet the demand of the suffering population for which necessary action has been taken. The number of works started in the affected Taluks of the Kolar District was 3 tank restoration works at a cost of Rs. 5,429/-, 24 tank maintenance works at a cost of Rs. 2,296/- and 92 temporary wells at a cost of Rs. 2,152/- and the number of persons employed during the week was 3,386. Four temporary well works were started in the Dodballapur Taluk during the week and 56 persons found employment on those works. In the Chitaldrug District, 3 tank maintenanc works at an estimated cost of Rs. 2,896/- and 3 road works costing about Rs. 7,000/- are reported to have been started in Hiriyur Taluk.

5. SHANDIES AND PRICES OF FOOD STUFFS.- In the Tumkur District, ragi is being sold at 7 to 9 seers and rice at 4 to 4¾ seers per rupee and the supplies are reported to be adequate except in the Maddagiri Taluk. Markets are reported to be generally well supplied in the Kolar District. Rice is being sold at 3¾ to 4¼ seers and ragi at 6½ to 7 seers per rupee. Rangoon broken rice is being imported by some merchants in Malur town and is sold at 6 seers per rupee. In the Bangalore District, supplies are said to be flowing into the markets and broken rice is imported by private agency. Ragi is being sold from 7 to 8 seers and rice from 4 to 4½ seers per rupee. In the remaining Districts, food grains are reported to be freely flowing into the markets and the prices

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of staple food grains ~~also~~ are said to be normal.

6. FODDER AND CATTLE.- In the Tumkur District, two fodder depots have been opened in the Maddagiri Taluk. In the Kolar District, there is one fodder depot at Kolar and arrangements are being made to open ~~one~~ another at Goribidnur. No fodder depots have been opened in any part of the Bangalore District. No cattle are reported to have died for want of fodder or water in any part of the State during the week. It is reported that cattle taken from Gubbi Taluk in quest of fodder are staying at Anupinakatte in the Shimoga Taluk and those from Tiptur side have been taken to the Amrit Mahal kawals in the Kadur Taluk and cattle from maidan parts have been taken to Lakkuvalli State Forest in Tarikere Taluk. Scarcity for fodder is reported to be felt in parts of T. Narasipur and Mandya Taluks where scraped grass is being used. Cattle are reported to be healthy in all parts of the State except for the prevalence of epizoodic Aphtha in a few villages of the Sorab Taluk, choppe roga in Tumkur Taluk, Dodda roga in parts of Mudigere Taluk and a sort of throat affection to cattle in some villages round about Kalasa. Some cattle from parts of Channarayapatna and Arsikere Taluks are reported to have been taken to the Malnad for grazing.

7. SUPPLY OF DRINKING WATER FOR MEN AND CATTLE.- It is reported that difficulty for water for cattle is being experienced in the ~~Taluk~~ Tumkur District and water drawn from wells is being used for the purpose. Some difficulty is reported to have been felt for drinking water in the Bowringpet, Malur and Srinivasapur Taluks and in the Gudibanda Sub Taluk; in parts of Hosadurga Taluk and also in the town of Dodballapur. New temporary wells are being sunk or the existing well are being deepened wherever there is need for water.

8. LOANS.- Information regarding the amount of loans disbursed in the several Districts up to the end of the week is

is given below:-

1. Tumkur District ... ... Rs. 15,000/-
2. Kolar District. ... ... Rs. 22,783/-
3. Bangalore District. ... Rs. 3,871/-
4. Kadur District. ... ... Rs. 1,625/-

An Additional allotment of Rs. 20,000/- has been allotted to Tumkur District under Takavi and Land Improvement Loans.

9. STATE OF CRIME, PEOPLE WANDERING IN SEARCH OF WORK ETC.

No crimes are reported to have been committed for want of food in any parts of the affected Districts. There has been no unusual movements or wanderings of people in search of work, nor any deaths from starvation anywhere.

10. PERIOD THE DISTRESS IS LIKELY TO LAST.-

The present unfavourable seasonal conditions are not likely to cease for another 5 or 6 months i.e. until the mungar rains set in.

11. GRATUITOUS RELIEF.-

The number of persons in receipt of gratuitous relief was one in the Tiptur Taluk, 27 in the Goribidnur Taluk and 2 in the Srinivasapur Taluk.

12. RELIEF TO ARTIZANS.-

The Municipal Council of Gubbi are reported to have resolved to grant small loans to weavers to the extent of Rs. 500/-.

13. PUBLIC HEALTH.-

Public health is generally good except for plague in some parts of Tumkur, Kolar, Mysore and Chitaldrug Districts and relapsing

relapsing fever in Holalkere Taluk and influenza in parts of Hunsur Taluk.

14. GENERAL REMARKS.- There are no signs of the existi distress abating in any part of the affected tracts; on the other hand, there are indications that the distress is likely to deepen in most of the parts in the coming weeks.

K. Chandy

Revenue Commissioner.

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OFFICE OF THE REVENUE COMMISSIONER
IN MYSORE,

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Bangalore, 10th December 1923

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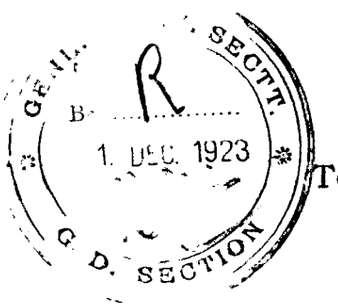
FROM

K.Chandy,Esq,B.A.,
Revenue Commissioner in Mysore



To

The Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
General & Revenue Departments.

SIR,

I have the honour to forward herewith for the information of Government the Special Weekly Season Report of the State for the week ending Saturday the 8th December 1923.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Assistant Commissioner.
For Revenue Commissioner
(Absent from Station)

M.A.N.

From
K.Chandy,Esq,B.A.,

Revenue Commissioner in
Mysore.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

Dated 10th December 1923.

Subject:--

Re: the Special Weekly Season Report
of the State for the week ending
Saturday the 8th December 1923.

OFFICE OF THE REVENUE COMMISSIONER IN MYSORE.

No. Dated, Bangalore. 10th December '23.

Special Weekly Season Report of the State for the week ending the 8th December 1923.

RAINFALL. There was no rain during the week in the Bangalore District excepting slight drizzling at Bangalore and Devanahalli. In the Kolar District 15 to 18 cents of rain were gauged in the surrounding parts of Srinivasapur and ½ an inch at Lakkur in Malur Taluk, and about 11 cents in the Bowringpet Town.

Rain fell in the Tumkur District has been reported as noted in the margin the highest being 80 cents at Honnavalli, 62 at Bukkapatna, and 50 cents at each of the places Nonavanakere and Kallemballa. The Deputy Commissioner states that if the small showers had come a month back they would have helped the standing dry crops, which have since withered away and their study are of very little use now. Some intimated In the Mysore District there was no rainfall in any of the Talukas except in parts of Yedatore, Mandya and Nagamangala, where the rainfall gauged is 8, 50 and 45 cents respectively.

There was slight rainfall also in the Hassan, Shimoga, and Kadur and Chitaldrug Districts (Vide margin). The Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga states that a few more showers would facilitate the sowing of hungal crops such as Bengal gram, wheat etc, in parts of Honnali Taluk. In the Kadur District though the recent rains were

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Tumkur District.	In.	Cents.
Sira Taluk.		
Sira ...	0	33
Kallembella.	0	50
Bukkapatna.	0	62
Chicknaikanahalli Taluk.		
Huliyar.	0	9
Mattighatta.	0	14
Tiput Taluk.		
Honnavalli.	0	80
Nonavanakere.	0	50
Kibbanahalli.	0	30
Maddagiri Taluk.		
Maddagiri.	0	27
Turuvekere Sub Taluk.		
Turuvekere.	0	19
Koratagere Sub Taluk.		
Koratagere.	0	18.

Hassan District.		
Hassan Taluk.		
Hassan	0	21
Manjarabad.	0	45
Belur ...	0	50
Arsikere.	0	85

Shimoga District.		
Shimoga.	0	11
Shikarpur	0	15
Sorab	0	25
Thirthahalli	0	17

and in a few villages of Honnali, Channagiri, Shikarpur, Sorab Taluks and Kumsi Sub Taluk.

Kadur District.

	In.	Cents.
Chickmagalur	0	39
"	0	51
Kadur	0	43
Tarikere	1	07
Koppa	0	90
Mudgere	0	63
Narasimharajapura		

Chitaldrug District.

In villages of Javagondana halli and a few villages of Kasaba and channel villages of Hiriyur Taluk.	1	0
Hiriyur Town.	0	80
Budihalli (Hosadrug Tq.	0	45

were helpful to the standing crops they are still stated to be withering for want of sufficient rain. The showers in Hiriyur Taluk have improved the state of standing crops, bringing in about two months supply of water to four tanks of the Javagondanahalli Hobli and to one tank in the Kasaba Hobli; and in Chellakere, Malkalmuru, Davangere and Jagalur Taluks crops are withering for want of rain, while the dry crops of Holalkere Taluk are stated to be badly suffering for a similar reason.

Progress of Agricultural operation: and state and prospects of the crop.

In the Bangalore District, ragi isbeing harvested, the yield being estimated from 4 to 8 annas, while paddy is a failure in the greater part of the District. Sugarcane is stated to be in a fair condition. The ryots in the Tumkur District are harvesting the crops. The standing dry crops in the Taluks of Maddagir, Chicknayakanahalli, Sira, Gubbi, and Pavagada Taluks and the Sub Taluk of Koratagere have withered; and they are reported to be withering in parts of the other Taluks, the average yield from the latter places being estimated at 1 anna to 8 annas - this anna crop confined to a limited area where there was sufficient rainfall previously. The yield from the irrigated ragi in parts of Pavagada is estimated at 8 annas. In the Kolar District, ragi, ground nuts and sugarcane are being harvested. In the affected parts of Goribidnur Taluk, a total failure of ragi and other dry crops is reported. The out-turn of ragi is about 1 to 4 annas in Bowringpet and Malur Taluks and in the affected parts of Gudibanda Sub Taluk, and less than two annas in Srinivasapur Taluk, whi

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the yield under sugarcane is estimated at 6 to 8 annas in Gudibanda Sub Taluk. The standing crops such as Dodragi, Avare, Thogari etc are withering in Gudibanda Sub Taluk.

The Deputy Commissioner, Mysore, states that in almost all the Taluks dry crops are withering for want of rain and that most of the wet crops are suffering very much. The estimated outturn of crop is from 2 to 6 annas in Nagamangala Taluk, 3 to 8 annas in Mandya Taluk, 4 to 8 annas in Krishnarajpet Taluk and less than 4 annas in Gundlupet Taluk.

Hassan District. All the standing crops in the Alur Sub Taluk, Paddy in Manjarabad Taluk, and paddy and sugarcane in Belur and Chennarayapatna Taluks are in good condition, while rain is needed for gram, Thogari, and Buller crop in Hassan and Belur Taluks. The dry and wet crops in Arsikere and Arkalgud Taluks are withering for want of sufficient rains, while the condition of dry crops in Channarayapatna Taluk is stated to be not satisfactory.

Paddy and sugarcane in Hassan, Manjarabad Belur and Arkalgud Taluks and in the Alur Sub Taluk, and Doddaragi, Arsikere and Arkalgud Taluks are being harvested - the outturn of ragi being 4 annas, of paddy from 8 to 12 annas and sugarcane from 8 to 12 annas.

The paddy crop in Shimoga District has almost matured and is being reaped in some places. Sugarcane is in good condition while the dry crops such as horse-gram, chillies etc. are said to be withering. The yield of paddy ranges from 8 annas to one rupee on the average in all the Taluks : and ragi crop is reported to be a complete failure all over the District excepting in a few favoured tracts, where the yield is even less than 4 annas.

The harvesting of ragi, paddy and jola is continued in parts of Kadur District and the yield of the harvested crops ranges from 2 to 8 annas

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In Chitaldrug District, the standing crops are withering for want of rain in Chellakere, Malakalmuru, Davangere and Jagalur Taluks; and the dry crops of Halalkere Taluk are also suffering. Bengal gram and jolam being sown in parts of Challakere Taluk. Ragi, paddy, ground-nut, cotton, jola etc. are being harvested. The outturn of paddy, ragi, is estimated at 8 annas in Chellakere Taluk, 6 to 8 annas in Malakalmuru, 4 to 10 annas in Davangere and that of ragi and jolam 4 to 8 annas in Holalkere and 4 to 12 annas in Harihar Sub Taluk.

SEASONAL CONDITIONS. In the Bangalore District, Sasalu Hobli in Dodballapur Taluk continues to be affected. Anekal and Hosakote Taluks (excepting Anugondanahalli Hobli) show signs of distress though not declared as affected.

In the Kolar District, 56 villages in Goribidnur Taluk, 39 in Gudibanda Sub Taluk, 34 in Srinivasapur Taluk, 276 villages in Malur Taluk and about 17 villages in Bowringpet Taluk continue to be affected; and some more villages in Goribidnur Taluk and Gudibanda Sub Taluk are under careful observation, as they are likely to be affected after the harvest season is over.

The Deputy Commissioner of Tumkur reports that the little outturn of the present harvest does not answer the requirements of the cultivators and that the situation in the District is causing very grave anxiety unless there be heavy rainfall supplying enough water to the tanks to enable the Vaisakhi crops being sown.

The Deputy Commissioner, Mysore states that there are still no signs of distress in the greater part of the District except the general failure of rains throughout which has affected the crops to a great extent. There is no sign of distress in Hassan District and no cause for anxiety in Shimoga District. In the Kadur District the anxiety of the people has not ceased.

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The conditions in Chitaldrug District during the week remained almost the same as in the previous week. The Deputy Commissioner states that conditions are not such as to cause any anxiety for the time being.

FODDER AND WATER SUPPLY. The Deputy Commissioner Banglore states that State Forests have been thrown open for grazing cattle and that Amildars have been directed to send up estimates for providing water for cattle where difficulty is experienced

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In the Kolar District, the new stocks of fodder collected on the fields in Goribidnur Taluk may last for about 2 months, while the two fodder Depots started in this and the other affected Taluks are reported to have no stock. The recent circular about taking cattle to Malnad forests is stated to have been given wide publicity. Cattle in Goribidnur Taluk are being taken in large numbers to shandies for sale. Pasture and fodder are available for the present in the Gudibanda Sub Taluk, while neither of them can be had in Srinivasapur Taluk. In Bowringpet Taluk, fodder is available in limited quantities.

As to drinking water, the difficulty for it is becoming acute in the affected parts of Goribidnur Taluk. 35 well works have been started in several affected villages of this Taluk and 26 in Srinivasapur Taluk. In Malur and Bowringpet Taluks, wells and Gokattes are being provided where scarcity for water is felt.

The Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur, reports that drinking water wells are being sunk in parts of the Taluks of Maddagiri, Pavagada, Tumkur, Chicknaikanahalli Taluks and in Koratagere Sub-Taluk and that temporary wells are being sunk in places where the water difficulty is great.

The Mysore District scarcity of water is felt in certain parts of Seringapatam, Mysore and T. Narsipur Taluks and the Deputy Commissioner states that the requirements will be duly attended to on receipt of further information called for in the matter and that arrangements have been made. The District Board Agency to have as many temporary wells sunk as are necessary in Nagamangala Taluk. Cattle of this Taluk have been taken to the State Forests of Hunsur and Heggadadevankote for grazing. The Fodder Depot established at Nagamangala is stated to have been closed for want of sales.

In Hassan, Shimoga and Chitaldrug Districts, water is stated to be available in all the Taluks except in some villages of Arsikere and Channarayapatna Taluk and in parts of Dharmapuri Hobli of Hiriyur Taluk, Srirampur and Mathod Hoblies of Hosdurg Taluk and in a few villages of Jagalur Taluk. Steps are being taken for relieving the situation ~~xx~~ by deepening existing wells and sinking temporary wells wherever necessary.

State of Grain Market and prices of foodstuffs:--

In Bangalore District, Ragi is sold at 6½ to 7½ seers per rupee, and broken rice at Anekal at 6 seers. Ragi is not freely coming to the market. Markets are well supplied in the Kolar District, Ragi and Rice being sold at 6½ seers to 8 seers and 4 to 5 seers respectively. The opening of a central Grain Depot at the Goribidnur Taluk Head Quarters is being considered as the private Grain Depots opened at the beginning of the drought have become it is reported, less useful. A Grain Depot opened at Thadigal, Srinivasapur Taluk, by private agency is working satisfactorily. Charitably disposed people like Messrs. Yodavadi Rangappa of Yeldur and Kilari Ramanna of Hosahalli are reported to be helping the poor landless classes with Ragi by way of charity and loan. Merchants in Malur Town are importing appreciable quantities of broken rice which has retarded the rise in the price of Ragi.

Prices of food stuffs are reported to be rising high day by day in the Tumkur District. Supplies of food grains in the Shandy of Maddagiri were inadequate while the same in the Shandy of Pavagada have improved owing to the persuasion of the local authorities on the merchant classes. Staple food grains are being exported from Pavagada Taluk to the bordering British Taluks viz., Hindupur, Madakasira etc.

In ~~The~~ Mysore District, the supply of food grains is reported to be adequate in all the Taluks except Malavalli, where the ryots have withheld their stock in anticipation of

of high prices.

Markets are well supplied in the Hassan District excepting in Arsikere where the stock of food grains is reported to be running short; and ragi is sold at 8 seers and rice at 4½ to 5 seers per rupee.

In the remaining Districts there is sufficient stock of food grains and markets are well supplied, though the prices are reported to be rising.

Relief works in the affected localities:-- The labourers employed on relief works (such as Tank and other works) in Sasalu Hobli from 1st to 4th December 1923 number 162 males and 92 females. A programme of works to be started is stated to be under preparation in the Taluk and the Executive Engineer Offices. 10 Tank works are proposed to be undertaken in Magadi Taluk.

In Kolar District, the kind of works started and the number of persons afforded relief and the number requiring relief are shown below:--

Kind of work.	Taluk. Goribidnur.	Taluk. Gudibanda Sub Taluk.	Taluk. Srinivas-pur.	Taluk. Malur.
Village Improvement works.	27	---	3	---
Taluk Board & Village Panchayet works.	48	2 plus 3	2	---
Muzrai Works.	3	...	...	...
Tank works by D.P.W.	8	4	4	--
Other works including well works.	2	2	26	--
Total...	88	11	38	20
Amount of wages disbursed.	Rs.31-8-0 under (i).	Not given.	Rs.329/-	100/-
No. of people afforded relief.	168	912	(309 per day x 7) 2163	--
No. of people requiring relief.			1260	8000
No. of new works started, if any, during the week.	--	--	24	6

The harvesting season in the Taluks is stated to have attracted and engaged a large number of coolly classes. In Goribidnur Taluk, 1004 takavi loans for an aggregate amount

amount of Rs.13,298 have been disposed of and a sum of Rs.5,755/- disbursed under that head in Gudibanda Sub Taluk. Under Takavi and Land Improvement, no applic tions were received in Srinivasapur and Malur Taluks but in the latter Taluk applications for subsistence loans have been received by the Amildar and he is enquiring in the matter. The Weavers in certain villages of that Taluk having made representations for Government help as they could not dispose of their products, they have been told that subsistence loan will be given to them on proper security.

The Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur states that a regular programme of works to be started has been drawn up and that Tank maintenance, Tank restoration, Village Improvement and Drinking water well works have been started in the Taluks of Tumkur, Maddagiri, Chicknayakanahalli, Gubbi, Tiptur and Pavagada and the Koratagere Sub Taluk to engage the cooly classes.

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